Will for the Villages of Rajasthan

1621. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. ABRAR AHMED:

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plans to connect all villages in Rajasthan with Wirless in Local Loop (WLL) service;

(b) if so, the villages that would be connected under the project, in case they do not have regular telecom network, district-wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) to (c) Government has plans to provide Village Public Telephones (VPT) in all villages of Rajasthan. The operators are free to use any technology including Wirless in Local Loop (WLL) to connect the villages with telephone service. Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has already completed its share of providing Village Public Telephones.

Density of telecom network in Rajasthan

1622. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the density of telecom network in Rajasthan, district-wise;

(b) the remote areas that are still to be connected by telephone service;

(c) whether any action has been taken to fully connect the State by telecom network;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) by when it is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRIMATI SUMITRA MAHAJAN): (a) The overall density of telecom network in